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SUBJECT: SADAT'S JULY 26 SPEECH

1. IN TRADITIONAL JULY 26 ADDRESS IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT SADAT GAVE FULLEST VERSION RELEASED THUS FAR OF
SCENARIO LEADING UP TO OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING WITH LIBYA.
SAID IT BEGAN WHEN PLO LEADER ARAFAT BROUGHT HIM
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A MAP PREPARED BY QADHAFI (PRESUMABLY DURING ARAFAT'S
INITIAL VISIT THIS ROUND) INDICATING THAT EGYPT WAS OCCUPYING
PART OF LIBYAN TERRITORY. ACCORDING TO SADAT, PIECE OF
LAND IN QUESTION RESULTED FROM PERIODIC RELOCATION OF
WIRE BOUNDARY FENCE SEPARATING TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH WAS
FIRST CONSTRUCTED BY ITALIANS 50 YEARS AGO. SADAT SAID
WIDTH THIS STRIP OF LAND BETWEEN 50 AND 100 METERS.

2. SADAT SAID HE STUNNED BY QADHAFI ACCUSATION; TOLD ARAFAT TO INFORM LIBYAN LEADER THIS "SHAMEFUL". EGYPT'S POLICY IS CLEAR--IT HAS NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN LIBYA. AS IT TURNED OUT, SADAT SUGGESTED ACCUSATION WAS QADHAFI RUSE TO COVER UP ATTACK HE ALREADY HAD PLANNED LAUNCH AGAINST EGYPT. LIBYAN FORCES STRUCK POLICE STATION (PRESUMABLY ON JULY 19) WITH TANKS AND ARMED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, KILLING EIGHT EGYPTIAN FRONTIER GUARDS AND CAPTURING FOURTEEN. SADAT INSISTED NO EGYPTIAN ARMY UNITS WERE INVOLVED IN FIGHTING AT THIS POINT.

3. ARAFAT NEXT RETURNED TO EGYPT WITH QADHAFI PROPOSAL FOR EGYPT AND LIBYA TO SET UP THREE TENTS IN BORDER AREA FOR NEGOTIATIONS. (SADAT SARCASTICALLY LIKENED THIS PROPOSAL TO CONFERENCE ENDING WW I. SAID QADHAFI AT THIS POINT FEELING LIKE NAPOLEON.) INSTEAD OF NEGOTIATIONS, ARMY HAD RETALIATED AND OVERRUN MUSA'ID, THEREBY DESTROYING BASE FROM WHICH ATTACK ON BORDER POST LAUNCHED.

4. EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SAID ARAFAT WAS AGAIN TRICKED AND LIBYAN AIR FORCE ATTACKED SOLLUM WHILE HE STILL IN EGYPT ATTEMPTING RESOLVE SITUATION. EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE DESTROYED LIBYAN AIR BASES IN RETALIATION, SUBSEQUENTLY ELIMINATED TERRORIST CAMP FROM WHICH SABOTEURS HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AGAINST EGYPT.

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5. SADAT SAID THAT BY THE TIME BOUMEDIENE ARRIVED IN EGYPT MILITARY OPERATIONS WERE OVER. HE TOLD THIS TO BOUMEDIENE AND TO LIBYAN OFFICERS ACCOMPANYING HIM. "QADHAFI HAD HAD HIS LESSON". HE REITERATED TO BOUMEDIENE AND TO LIBYANS THAT EGYPT HAS NO DESIGNS ON LIBYAN SOIL. PROOF OF THIS IS THAT EGYPTIAN TROOPS PULLED BACK FOLLOWING MILITARY OPERATION. TROOPS COULD HAVE STAYED IN LIBYA.

6. SADAT CONCLUDED SPEECH BY CALLING ON OTHER ARAB LEADERS TO SHOULDER THEIR RESPONSIBILITY VIS A VIS LIBYAN LEADER. SAID THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SINGLE ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN WHICH QADHAFI HAS NOT BEEN INSOLENT. ARABS MUST REJECT THIS; LEADERS SHOULD NOT TOLERATE QADHAFI AS HE IS.

7. AS EXAMPLE THIS INSOLENCE, SADAT SAID THAT QADHAFI HAD THREATENED GULF STATES OFFERING AID TO EGYPT, TELLING THEM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN LIBYA AND SADAT. QADHAFI REPORTEDLY SAID THAT, IF THESE STATES SUPPORTED SADAT, HE WOULD OVERTHROW THEIR REGIMES. SADAT CONCLUDED QADHAFI MERELY "CHILD", WHO WILL PROBABLY LEARN IN TIME, BUT HE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT EGYPT IS NOT AN AILING MAN AND THE GAMES HE IS PLAYING ARE DANGEROUS.

8. IN SPEECH, SADAT MADE NO REFERENCE TO ME PEACE
PROCESS OR RECENT BEGIN REMARKS.

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